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children

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Class..... 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship... 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.-Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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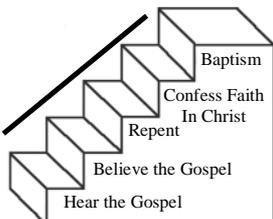
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Gospel Meeting

October 18-21, 2015



Stephen Bailey
Mesquite, Texas

Sunday AM Class- “Revival Begins With me”
Worship AM- “The Wonder Of Christianity”
Sunday PM- “The Messianic Prophecy”
Monday PM- “Our Refuge In Jesus”
Tuesday PM- “Do Not Lose Heart”
Wednesday PM- “Signs Of A Committed Disciple”

Sunday Bible Class 9:00AM
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
Weekday Evenings 7:30 PM

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FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

This article caught my eye this week and I wanted to share it with you. Our gospel meeting starts next Sunday. What are you going to do to help it be success? Pray about it and invite your friends, neighbors, and loved ones to hear the precious message of God's word!

TASTE THE SOUP!

Recently, Pa was being irritable, especially regarding food. At a nearby restaurant, he stopped for a quick meal and the waiter provided a bowl of soup. As the waiter turned away to return to the kitchen, Pa stopped him, calling: "Waiter!" "Yes, sir, is there something wrong?" "The soup. Taste it," replied Pa. "I beg your pardon, Sir?" "Taste it." "But, Sir, I can assure you that the soup is excellent." "Taste it," Pa persisted. "Sir, the soup was made this morning of the finest ingredients." "Taste it!" The exasperated waiter finally relented. "All right, Sir, I'll taste it." Then after a pause he said, "Where is the spoon?" To which Pa replied triumphantly, "Ah ha ..."

It doesn't matter how good soup is; if I have no way to get the soup to my mouth, I will never be able to enjoy it. In a similar way, it doesn't matter how wonderful the gospel message is, if it doesn't get to those who need it, it will never do them any good. The Bible uses several metaphors to describe this process. We are the "hands and feet" of Jesus. Also, Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:7 that we are "earthen vessels" of little value that carry the far more valuable message about Jesus. Allow me to add one more image to the list -- we are God's "spoons"!

Think about this. Nobody eats a meal at a fine restaurant and then later raves about how nice the spoon was! No, they may rave about how good the soup was, but no one pays much attention to the spoon. The purpose of the spoon is merely to allow you to enjoy the soup. In fact, you hardly even notice the spoon.....unless you don't have one! Our job is not to get people to notice us. Rather, our purpose is merely to get the gospel message to as many people as possible. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14). There are people around you who will never know the beauty of the story of Jesus Christ unless you're willing to be a "spoon"! Will you share that message with someone today?

Have a great day!

Richard Renfro

Thanks to: Alan Smith
Helen Street Church of Christ
Fayetteville, North Carolina

"...[N]ow in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honor, and some unto dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work" (2 Tim 2:20, 21).

Model Congregation- Don Hatch

"So the church throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied" (Acts 9:31 ASV).

Historically congregations of the Lord's people have stood out as "scripturally sound models of the church of Christ". Others, for various reasons, have slipped into a state of less than "a model congregation of the church of Christ". Congregations constantly seeking for a new and exciting, more progressive posture are **never** filled with peace, edification, active participation by the masses, humility, happiness, holiness or a sense of wellbeing. Productions of new and hopefully exciting, progressive innovations demonstrate a constant flux in which these lives. A congregation should be excited about her **work in faith, not her faith in works**. The old paths are still the best and safest ones. The Lord's church has tasks of benevolence, edification, evangelization, stabilization of the new born in Christ and insuring the mature are feeding on the meat of the word of God (Act 9:31; Heb 5:11-14; Jas 1:27).

The first century church demonstrated the need for compliance to the apostolic doctrine in order that the saved had an overriding sense of peace. Acts 9:31 gives a glimpse into the Lord's body facing uncertain times with a certainty of who controls the days ahead. When harmony and relationships between brethren beget friendship, order and contentment, this ideal peace distinguishes a wholesomeness afforded only to those in Christ. Ambition, self-aggrandizement, lethal pride, devastating haughtiness and carnal actions are far removed from a peaceful congregation.

The congregation which spends time, energy and resources to edify the saints and warn the sinner will never be on the short end of the blessings from her Lord. Building each other up in the holy faith is a pledge of fidelity brought on by a distinctive relationship with God and His children. Consistency in the natural exercise of edification authenticates a renewal in faith which neither ebbs nor fails in any season.

Most activity levels of any congregation could be better, however an active congregation will be one where the willing are working and others are encouraged to be more active. The walk of faith in which efforts are directed towards service in the Master's cause is a compelling force. The concrete expression of vitality is not outrageous binges on certain efforts but daily being fruitful in righteousness.

Humility is the good sense to be respectful, pious, lowly and submissive to God. The humble have a different countenance and demeanor. It is a part of Christian living which cannot be faked. When the Bible says, "be sure your sins will find you out" it implies that humbling oneself under the mighty hand of God cannot be faked. Humility in a congregation is of inestimable value.

Contentment is the ability to feel sufficient. A congregation who knows God favors them because they are faithful presents to the world an air of beauty and fulfillment knowing that at the end of each life awaits the "well done thou good and faithful servant." Contentment knows the Lord is our defender and sustainer because of the actions which we take.

Multiplication is normal when a congregation models herself after first century principles. When God is glorified through the Son Jesus Christ, because of what the Holy Spirit provided as a master plan for a congregation, there will be a natural desire to see others favored with grace commonly enjoyed by Christians. The peaceful, edified, active, content and holy congregation will stand out as a beacon. We are highly favored here at Beltline Road Church of Christ and have much for which to be thankful!

Family News:

News at Belt Line.
Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 18, 2015

Front foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

Back foyer: Bill & Linda
Mathews

October 25, 2015

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth
Garrison

Back foyer: Donna Davis &
Doris Selby

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate tracts.
Please come help us and enjoy the
Christian fellowship.

Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For October

Jerry Grantham

LADIES

Ladies please mark your
calendars for each **Tuesday**
morning for **Ladies Bible Class**.
Class begins at **10 a.m.** in the
Annex. Lesson for **Oct 13th** will
be "**Humility VS Pride**". Please
invite your friends to join us.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING **October 18-21, 2015**

Please keep our **Evangelism
Program** in your prayers.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,
Diedra Sutton, Vera Gleghorn,
Tom Prince, Virginia Stull, Ruben
Melendez

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
J.C. & Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Glen Kelly will be having
treatments on his leg every day
for 2 weeks. The doctor has
instructed him to stay off his leg
and not to be driving for a few
weeks.

Don Lewis is not feeling well.

Tom Head is now home after a
stay at Avante Rehab.

Tom Prince went home from the
hospital Sunday afternoon.

There are many dealing with short
term health issues. Please
remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

Frances Tipton has been moved
to Arbrook Plaza. Address is: 401
W. Arbrook Blvd. room #214A,
Arlington, Texas 76014-3108
Phone: 817-608-1659

Donna Ruth, sister-in-law of **Don
Hatch** fell and broke her leg in
two places along with a bad cut.
She had surgery last Wednesday
afternoon and is in room #402 at
Baylor Irving.

Ken Lee's mother fell last week
and in an Abilene Hospital.
Please keep her in your prayers.

Nursing Home:

Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Request:

A co-worker of **Melissa Allen** has
asked for our prayers on behalf of
her brother-in-law **Burl
Leatherwood** who has an
infection in his bone. It's not
healing and may have to be
amputated at the hip.

REPONSE

Kent Conner came forward
Sunday asking for prayers on his
behalf. He commented "Trying to
give my life back to Christ.
Please pray for me to put
priorities in order".

NEW BROCHURES

We have placed our new **tri-fold
brochures** in both foyers inviting
people to worship with us. Please
take as many as you want and
pass them out to your friends,
family, people you meet when
you are out in the community.

We need **everyone** to participate
in inviting people to come
worship with us.

Sermon Titles

October 18, 2015

a.m: "The Wonder of
Christianity"

Scripture: II Corinthians 3:7-18
p.m: "The Messianic Prophecy"
Scripture: Isaiah 53:4-7

October 25, 2015

a.m: "God Is Triumphant"
Scripture: Exodus 12:1-4
p.m: "Surity"

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/20/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

10/18 – 10/21/15 – Gospel Meeting

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- Gearldean Jones – 10/8
- Annette Kaiser – 10/10
- Walt LaHaye – 10/11
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Brandon Howard – 10/18
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Tori Morris – 10/21
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Stephanie Howard – 10/22
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
- Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
- Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
- Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		10/18/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· Dean Webb	· Bobby England		· John Mayer
· Nathan Allen	· Robert Taylor		· Darrell Allen
· Kenny Mayer	· Dale Cox		
· Robert Ruckman	· Curtis Vaughan		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· John Mayer			· Bill Matthews
· Purman Cofer			II Corinthians 3:7-18
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Jerry McKey
			· Don Herriage
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Garrison			· John Mayer
· Thomas Rathbun			Isaiah 53:4-7
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Darrell Allen			· Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Jerry McKey			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	48	51	62	100
A.M. Worship	96	103	102	150
P.M. Worship	69	66	67	80
Wed. Class	57	43	60	85
Contribution	\$6161	\$5441	\$5410	\$5098

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
- Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
- Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Daniel Garza – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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